APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to clause (*a*) of the starred question No. 240 asked by Sri T. T. Daniel at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 25th July 1957, page 378 supra.]

List of palm-gur co-operative societies functioning in the State of Madras—Districtwar.

Serial number and district.	Number of societies.
1 Salem	177
2 Tirunelveli	398
3 Tiruchirappalli	54
4 South Arcot	59
5 Madurai	23
6 Tanjore	89
7 Ramanathapuram	172
8 North Arcot	101
9 Coimbatore	251
10 Chingleput	77
11 Madras City	2
12 Kanyakumari district	29
Total	1,432

APPENDIX II.

[Vide item VI (4), page 442 supra.]

L.C. BILL No. I OF 1957.

(As passed by the Council.)

A Bill further to amend the Payment of Wages Act, 1936, *in its application to the State of Madras.*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Payment of Wages Act, 1936 (Central Act IV of 1936), in its application to the State of Madras, for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Eighth Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

1. ***Short title and extent.*****—(1) This Act may be called the Payment of Wages (Madras Amendment) Act, 1957.**

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Madras.

2. ***Amendment of section* 7, *Central Act IV of* 1936.—In section 7, sub-section (2) of the Payment of Wages Act, 1936 (Central Act IV of 1936) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), after clause (*d*), the following clause shall be inserted, namely :—**

" (*dd*) Deductions for payments to the State Government **or any Statutory Housing Board or such agency as the State Government may notify in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, for house-**accommodation supplied to the employed person.".

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3. *Insertion of new section 11-A in Central Act IV of* 1936.—After section 11 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely :—

" 11-*A*. *Deductions in respect of house-accommodation*.—The employer shall make the deductions authorized under clause (*dd*) of sub-section (2) of section 7 from the wages of the employed person and remit the amount so deducted in such manner as the State Government may, by general or special order, specify."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

Under section 7 (2) (*d*) of the Payment of Wages Act, 1936 (Central Act IV of 1936), deductions for house-accommodation can be made only when the accommodation is supplied by the employer. One of the resolutions adopted at the Conference of the Housing Ministers held at Simla in June 1955 was that the Payment of Wages Act should be suitably amended to enable the State Governments to recover the rent directly from the wages of the workers concerned when they provide housing accommodation for the workers. Under the Subsidized Industrial Housing Scheme, the Government of Madras are building colonies at Sembium and Erukanchery for the industrial workers, and the houses will be ready shortly for allotment to industrial workers. It has, therefore, become urgently necessary to amend section 7 (2) of the Payment of Wages Act, with a view to authorize the employer to make deductions from the wages of workers on behalf of the State Government, or a Statutory Housing Board or such other agency as the State Government may notify, for house-accommodation provided by such authorities.

Consequent on the above proposal, it is also proposed to introduce a new provision in the Payment of Wages Act (section 11-A) to empower the State Government to direct the employer, by general or special order, to make deductions from the wages of employees and to remit the amounts deducted in such manner as may be specified in the order.

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